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Croll Opposes Junking Arrow

'WE'LL BE BUFFER FOR U.S.'

When Lots Are Sold—They'll Be There

Scrabble in the council chamber helped fill in some of the time last night for these three prospective purchasers of lots from Esquimalt municipality — Frank Peters, 1219 Old Esquimalt Road, left, Mrs. Grace Kanwisher, 1826 Belmont, and John McDonald, 444 Arnold, whose wife, Rhoda, was the first person there . . . at 9 a.m. yesterday. Some of the would-be land buyers slept inside the municipal hall overnight. The 36 lots will be sold this morning.—(Colonist photo.)

Queen Mother Departs

LONDON (Reuters) — Queen Mother Elizabeth left here by air Wednesday night on her three-week tour of Kenya and Uganda.

Israeli Raid

Mother, Child Slain

GAZA, Egypt (AP) — The UN Emergency Force Wednesday reported an Arab woman and a child were killed by Israelis who crossed the armistice line into United Arab Republic territory.

A UNEF patrol found four armed Israelis south of Rafah, a communique said. The Israelis withdrew after saying they had lost their way.

Subsequently the UNEF patrol learned the Israelis engaged a Bedouin camp in Egypt.

An Egyptian spokesman said Egypt's delegate to the Egyptian-Israel armistice commission lodged a strong protest and requested an urgent commission meeting. UN observers started an investigation.

The Egyptian spokesman told reporters the patrol moved about two miles inside Egyptian territory in a deserted area and entered the hut of a 70-year-old woman, her daughter, 25, and the daughter's four-year-old son.

The spokesman said the three were beaten and then the younger woman and her son were slain and the old woman was wounded by machine-gun fire.

Tourist with a Red Cap

World light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore, who appears in an exhibition bout at Memorial Arena tonight, went sightseeing in Victoria yesterday and wound up with a special souvenir—a red cap presented by Colonist heavyweight photographer Jim Ryan.—(Colonist photo.)

Rocket Race Too Costly

OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal Senator David Croll said Wednesday that scrapping of the Canadian-built CF-105 supersonic Arrow fighter will make Canada a buffer state of the United States.

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Building the Arrow, he said in the Senate Throne Speech debate, would be the best contribution Canada could make to its defence. It would give Canada the finest interceptor plane of its type in the world today and a defence weapon the country could afford.

LACKS FUNDS

The Toronto senator said Canada lacks the funds to take part in the costly nuclear rocket race between the Americans and Russia and referred to the Bomarc ground-to-air interceptor.

"If the Arrow is scrapped Canadian dependency on the United States military power will be unprecedented in Canadian history.

GROUND DEFENCE

"Our role will then be to operate ground radar defence systems and Bomarcs. We then become a buffer state. The United States is merely using us to protect her strategic air command."

Prime Minister Diefenbaker last Sept. 23 said a decision on whether to go ahead with construction of the Arrow would be made by March 31. The plane has been developed by Avro Aircraft Limited at Malton, Ont.

TWO BATTERIES

The government also has announced it will buy two batteries of Bomarcs for missile bases expected to be located in northern Ontario and Quebec.

SEN. DAVID CROLL
". . . U.S. using us"

Conversion To Cost Millions

OTTAWA (CP) — An increase of some $58,000,000 this year in federal government bond interest costs resulting from last year's bond conversion issue was indicated Wednesday by Finance Minister Fleming.

He said bond interest charges in 1959 will be an estimated $250,888,250.

Bryan Lashes Premier

Bennett Has Last Word

By ALEC MERRIMAN

J. M. (Mel) Bryan, who quit the Social Credit party dramatically a year ago, delivered a stinging personal attack on Premier Bennett in the legislature last night, but the premier had the last word.

"It was fine to get elected on the premier's coat tails, but he will never get elected again," the premier thundered across the floor of the House. "He attacks the basic policies on which he got elected."

The North Vancouver independent quit the Social Credit party over the handling of the Sommers case.

NAME AFTER NAME

Last night, he hurled name after name at the premier and the government. Some of them were "doubletalk . . . political gang of adventurers . . . premier who acts like a circus barker . . . political circus on wheels . . . tub-thumping . . . circus-type ballyhoo . . . confidence trick."

Speaker Hugh Shantz made Mr. Bryan withdraw the remarks "circus-type ballyhoo" and "circus barker," but over the protests of the premier let "confidence trick on the public" stand because it was a quote attributed to Reeve Murdo Frazer of North Vancouver.

DELIBERATE DELIVERY

The premier became more and more rankled as Mr. Bryan delivered his speech in deliberate and penetrating tones.

"The humility that is one of the essentials of a statesman is completely lacking in his (the premier's) personality," Mr. Bryan said.

After Mr. Bryan finished his speech, the premier rose and asked to speak, and that touched off a storm in the House.

"I hope he had a lot of satisfaction out of his attack on me," the premier shouted. He said that when Mr. Byran sought election as a Socred, "he lauded the $28, the school grants, the railway to Squamish . . ." But that is as far as the premier got just then.

John Squire (CCF—Alberni) jumped to his feet and asked the Speaker: "Would you explain why at this time of night precedent is broken . . . why the premier, just because he wishes it has the floor tonight . . .?"

WHY STOP HIM?

"Why do you want to stop him? Are you afraid of his speech?" shouted back Health Minister Martin.

The Speaker ruled the premier could carry on but must make no personal attacks on any member of the House.

"I am very proud of the Speech to the Throne," the premier began.

"You wrote it, didn't you?" came back from the opposition benches.

LITTLE UNUSUAL

"I rise tonight . . . it is a little unusual . . . but it is a little unusual for a speaker to rise so late in the debate to make a personal attack on the premier," Mr. Bennett said.

"He was elected with Social Credit support and he couldn't have got elected without it. He was nominated on the policies of this government which he condemned tonight."

Mr. Bryan said the govern-

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Ike Not Worried

Red Missiles Propaganda

WASHINGTON (U.P.I.) — President Eisenhower said yesterday Russia's claim that it had an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of hitting any point on earth with pinpoint accuracy "sounds to me like propaganda."

Eisenhower told reporters at his news conference that he was "not going to decry (Soviet) accomplishments." But he recalled that the Russians also had claimed to be the inventors of the airplane, the telephone and other things.

He said he didn't want to sound "too facetious," but he asked the reporters why they should be so "respectful" of the missile claim if they had dismissed the invention claims.

The president said he was "not going to get involved or worried about trying to take everything they (the Russians) could do in every field" and trying to equate it with U.S. capabilities.

"We have got a very much more variegated . . . balanced type of defensive organization than they," he said, "and we believe that with the dispersion that we have, and with the competence of our planes, and supported as they are by the missiles that we have developed, that we have a very splendid posture today in the whole security field."

A-Weapons Next Time China Told

WASHINGTON (AP) — A plain warning to the Chinese Communists that the United States would use atomic weapons in any future Korea-style war was sounded yesterday by Defence Secretary Neil McElroy.

McElroy said it would be "against our national interest if any inference were given the Chinese Communists that we would fight the Chinese Communists without general war weapons."

Queen's Aunt On Holiday

LONDON (Reuters) — The Princess Royal, aunt of the Queen, left by air Tuesday for a two-week holiday in Gibraltar.

Compensation

Miner's Widow Suing

VANCOUVER (CP) — The widow of a Kimberley hardrock miner will sue the Workmen's Compensation Board for a pension.

Mrs. Pearl Amanda Murray, 56, of Zeballos, commenced action by a petition of right-leave granted by the provincial cabinet.

Her husband, Robert Charles Murray, a hardrock miner for 29 years, contracted silicosis in 1934 and was granted a partial disability pension by the board in 1946. This was made a full disability pension in 1952 and continued until his death in November, 1955.

U.S. Justice Department

GM Split-Up Aim of Suit

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Journal American said yesterday the U.S. justice department is preparing its long rumored anti-trust suit against General Motors Corporation.

In a story by financial editor Leslie Gould, the paper said:

"The suit will seek to force General Motors—the world's biggest producer of motor cars—to drop at least one—possibly two—of its five motor divisions and General Motors Acceptance Corporation — GMAC—its financing affiliate.

"The target for divorce from the General Motors lineup this time is Chevrolet—the biggest in volume and the most profitable unit."

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corporation Wednesday night confirmed reports that its huge automotive operation is being investigated by the U.S. justice department.

Frederic G. Donner, GM board chairman, said the company was served Wednesday with a subpoena by the justice department "calling for a tremendous amount of information, records, and reports" going back to 1946 and, in some cases, to 1929.

"In view of the complexity of this request it obviously requires considerable study and analysis on our part," Donner said. "We have not had an opportunity to examine the subpoena in detail. In any event, it would not be appropriate for me to comment further upon this matter while in the investigative phase."

To Plastics

Diners Prefer China

MONTREAL (UPI) — The plastic-and-paper plate TV meal fad appears to have little effect on the china and earthenware business, says Sir John Wedgewood, great-great-great-grandson of the founder of the famous English pottery firm.

Sir John, here on family business, said the earthenware industry is going great guns despite the new plastic fad.

"Plastics may have taken over the toothbrush and luncheon basket trade," Sir John said cheerfully, "but some people will always prefer better-quality china."

As to the future, Sir John said: "Who knows? Some day, everything may be made of plastic, but if that takes place, our family will be in the business also."

Four-Power Talks Ahead

LONDON (U.P.I.) — The United States and Britain agreed in principle here last night to meet with Russia in a four-power conference of foreign ministers this spring on Berlin, the overall German issue and European security, diplomatic sources reported.

Jewels, Gold Shovelled from Fire

NEW YORK (UPI)—Detectives responded almost as quickly as firemen yesterday to a fire alarm at the New York Diamond Exchange, where some 70 jewelers trade precious gems and gold.

The jewelers were frantically shovelling gems from some 275 feet of show windows when firemen arrived.

One of the owners, Benjamin Fabrikant, said several million dollars worth of jewelry was kept in the building.

Fire officials estimated that as much as $1,000,000 worth of gems may have fallen into the ashes and rubble during the flight of the jewelers.

The jewelers salvaged as many of the gems as they could and took them to safes in the cellar before fleeing the building. However, fire commissioner Edward Cavanagh said he found two vault doors open when he arrived.

Six detectives answered the first alarm, and Cavanagh summoned 12 uniformed policemen after the third alarm had been sounded.

Broken glass and jewels sparkled on the sidewalk along the building as firemen fought the blaze.

One of the jewelers, Emil Zebrower, said, "A lot of guys are going to lose their shirts because of this fire."